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1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER 5 SNCC CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING BASED ON PRELIMINARY TRANSLATION OF TRANSCRIPT THAT MEETING. CHANGE ON NLL AND NORTHWEST ISLANDS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

2. IN PREPARED STATEMENT NORTH KOREAN VICE CO-CHAIRMAN YU CHANG-SIK:

A. REVIEWED KIM IL SUNG'S THREE MAJOR PRINCIPLES FOR UNIFICATION AND NOTED THEY HAD NOW BEEN ADOPTED BY UN;

B. REVIEWED NORTH'S FIVE POINT PROPOSAL;

C. REVIEWED NORTH'S PAST PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHING SUBCOMMITTEES TO AID COLLABORATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS AND FOR FORMATION OF CONFEDERATION;

D. EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT PRESIDENT PARK'S JUNE 23 ANNOUNCEMENT CALLING FOR TWO KOREAS IN UN, A SIGN OF THE SOUTH'S

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UNWILLINGCPSS TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE;

E. NOTED THAT THE SOUTH HAD RETRACTED THIS PROPOSAL, HAD ACCEPTED NORTH'S AUGUST 28 PROPOSAL TO REORGANIZE COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AC HAD REMOVED "THE PERSON WHO HAD BEEN A CHIEFTAIN OF OPPRESSION IN SOUTH KOREA", INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO RESUME TALKS;

F. RECALLED THAT THE NORTH'S VIEW OF REORGANIZATION IS REFLECTED IN AUGUST 28 STATEMENT AND LETTER OF NOVEMBER 16.

3. SOUTH'S DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMAN CHANG KI-YONG COMPLAINED OF NORTH'S SLANDER OF SOUTH THROUGH NEWS MEDIA AND SAID IT WOULD BE USELESS TO RESUME COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS IF SUCH SLANDER *CONTINUES. NORTH MADE BRIEF RETORT, THEN STATED BOTH SIDES SHOULD REFRAIN FROM SLANDER.

4. CHANG NOTED THAT PRESIDENT PARK PERSONALLY DESIRED THAT RED CROSS TALKS RECONVENE IN SEOUL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YU INSISTED SEOUL DOES NOT PROVIDE PROPER ENVIRONMENT.

5. CHANG MADE REMARKS ON THREE PRINCIPLES FOR UNIFICATION, NOTING THAT:

A. ISSUE OF UNIFICATION BY PEACEDUL MEANS IS POSSIBLE TO

SOLVE SOON.

B. NON-INTERFERENCE BY EXTERNAL POWERS MAY BE DIFFICULT ISSUE BECAUSE OF THIRD-PARTY INVOLVEMENT.

C. UNITY OF PEOPLE TRANSCENDING DIFFERENCES IN IDEOLOGY WOULD

BE VERY DIFFICULT.

6. CHANG DID NOT ELABORATE ON POINTS MADE PARA 5. IN GENERAL CHANG, WHO IS NOT AN EXPERIENCED NEGOTIATOR, WAS DENSE AND INDEED VERBOSE, IN HIS APPROACH.

7. CHANG PROPOSED WORKSHOP MEETING FOR DECEMBER 12 IN PANMUNJOM. YU DEFERRED REPLY BUT INDICATED NORTH WOULD PREFER NO MORE MEETINGS IN 1973. (PRESS TODAY ANNOUNCED NORTH HAS AGREED TO ANOTHER DEPUTY CHAIRMEN'S MEETING FOR DECEMBER 19).

8. COMMENT: WHILE NORTH INDICATED SOME READINESS TO EVENTUALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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PROCEED WITH DIALOGUE IT DEFLECTED GAMBITS BY THE SOUTH TO RESUME FORMAL MEETINGS. READING OF TRANSCRIPT CONFIRMS VIEW THAT PYONGYANG INTERESTED IN HOLDING SNCC DOOR OPEN WITHOUT HOWEVER AGREEING TO DO NOW TO RESUMPTION OF FORMAL SNCC SESSIONS. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION ON READING TRANSCRIPT THAT CHANG WAS LESS THAN LUCID AND NOT OVERLY EFFECTIVE IN HIS HANDLING OF MEETING.

9. TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED BY TRANSMITTAL SLIP

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